Three Skills for Listening

Listening Skills	Criteria
Listens for information and	Listen for the main idea and
understanding:	supportive details; getting the
	spoken message rightAsking
	"So what are you saying?"
Listens for interpretation, analysis	Beside taking notes on salient
and evaluation:	information, identifying the types
	of arguments: causation,
	authority, analogy, and identify
	types of logical fallacies such as
	inferring causation over
	correlation, over-generalization,
	accurately summarizing the
	essence of the speaker's remarks
	and formulating a judgment about
	the issues under discussion
Listens to establish, maintain and	Increase relevance and
enhance relationships:	connectivity with others; a
	common bond, a group spirit, a
	team mentality, an esprit
	de cours, through a common
	vision, purpose,
	accomplishments.

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